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HR_____ COMMENDING MR. LUTHER P. HALLMARK ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT.

WHEREAS, with great pride and special pleasure, Luther P. "Luke" Hallmark is highly congratulated and commended on the occasion of his retirement; his outstanding career in education has included teaching, coaching, and administration at the highest level, and his participation and support for community activities is outstanding; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hallmark graduated from Perry Christian School in Andalusia in 1975; he matriculated to Marion Military Institute where he earned an associate degree, then to Auburn University for his Bachelor of Science degree; he also earned additional degrees at the University of Montevallo, Livingston University, and Alabama State University; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hallmark began his career in education in 1982 as a teacher and boys basketball coach at Southern Academy and later at Marion Military Institute; in 1985 he accepted a position at Demopolis High School as head basketball coach; his teams won five area championships and two regional championships; two of his teams won more than 20 games in a season, and one of his players was Theo Ratliff, a first-round draft selection from the University of Wyoming who was an 11-year standout in the National



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29 Basketball Association (NBA); and

30 WHEREAS, Luke Hallmark continued his love of sports
31 by officiating basketball and baseball for the Alabama High
32 School Athletic Association (AHSAA); he has officiated one
33 baseball state championship game and has called three
34 basketball regional tournaments; and

35 WHEREAS, Mr. Hallmark served as principal at
36 Greensboro West Elementary School from 1997 until 2000,
37 stepping down to become Superintendent of the Marengo County
38 School District; he has served in that capacity ever since;
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40 WHEREAS, Mr. Hallmark has received many awards and
41 accolades throughout his long and distinguished career;
42 these include receiving the University of West Alabama
43 Alumni Achievement Award; selection as the Kermit Johnson
44 Award winner from the University of Montevallo as
45 Superintendent of the Year; being a Paul Harris Fellow
46 Recipient from Rotary International; being a District 2
47 Finalist for SSA Superintendent of the Year; and being
48 inducted into the Class of 2020 Alabama High School Sports
49 Hall of Fame; and

50 WHEREAS, his influence and leadership have been
51 immeasurable as a member of the Alabama High School Athletic
52 Association Central Board of Control; he has also served as
53 Chairman of the PEEHIP Board of Control; Chairman of the
54 Teacher Retirement System Board; Member of the Council for
55 Leaders in Alabama Schools; Member of the Presidential
56 Advisory Council for Marion Military Institute; a lifetime



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57 member of the Auburn Alumni Association; and is a member of
58 both the Demopolis and Linden Rotary Clubs; and

59 WHEREAS, Luke Hallmark has continually demonstrated
60 an impressive dedication, an unparalleled devotion, and an
61 unremitting enthusiasm for the quality of the educational
62 programs and opportunities offered in Marengo County by
63 serving for the past 24 years as the school district's
64 superintendent; he leaves behind a lasting legacy to all of
65 the students, educators, parents, and future generations
66 that he has had the opportunity to coach, teach, and lead
67 over the course of his 42-year career; and

68 WHEREAS, Mr. Hallmark freely admits that none of his
69 success would be possible without the love and support of
70 his wife, Sarah Chandler Hallmark, and son, Andrew Parker;
71 now therefore,

72 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
73 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we highly commend
74 Superintendent Luther P. Hallmark for his exemplary
75 dedication to Marengo County and the State of Alabama, and
76 we hereby dedicate this resolution to him with utmost
77 gratitude and admiration, along with best wishes for
78 continued success during his retirement.